



Alternative Dispute Resolution (ADR).....

Summary

Due to the excessive number of cases backlogging the court systems, and the number of disputes arising among the design and construction industries, there is a substantial need for alternatives to the traditional litigation process for resolving these disputes.

Alternative Dispute Resolution (ADR) offers multiple formats and techniques for the resolution of disputes outside of the typical judicial process that not only reduces costs but also saves time and preserves relationships. The Architectural Alliance Group offers services for various types of ADR methods utilized in resolving design and construction related disputes including **Mediation**, **Neutral Services** and **Job-Site Resolution**.

Mediation

Mediation is a voluntary, nonbinding process in which the disputing parties select a neutral and impartial party to assist in resolving their differences. Although the power to determine the final outcome ultimately resides with the conflicting parties, the Mediator acts as a catalyst to assist the parties in reaching a settlement agreement.

(Reference Mediation pages for additional information)

Neutral Services

Design and construction related claims typically require the involvement of expert witnesses. Architects, engineers, contractors, and other specialty consultants are commonly retained on behalf of the plaintiffs and defendants involved in a legal claim to evaluate and analyze the disputed issues...A "Neutral" provides similar services as those performed by the various experts. A Neutral however is retained jointly by both parties in an effort for reaching a settlement agreement.

(Reference Neutral Services pages for additional information)

Job-Site Resolution

In addition to the traditional methods of ADR such as mediation, arbitration and mini-trials, there is another technique becoming more and more common due to its overwhelming success. This method, referred to as Job-Site Resolution (JSR) provides many benefits not always realized in other ADR methods.

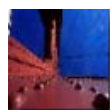
(Reference Job-Site Resolution pages for additional information)



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